



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

Staff Birthday Corner

Janice Hrabak- December 11

Candy Byars- December 17

Amy Wicker- December 21

Current Enrollment: PREP/EC=52; Kindergarten= 81; Grade 1=94; Grade 2=87

October Attendance: PREP/EC= 91%; Kindergarten 93.43%, 1st Grade= 95.28%; Grade 2=96.45%

In looking at our attendance numbers, Ms. Hahnenkamp’s class was the monthly Dilly Bar Attendance winner with a 97.34% attendance for the month!!! Way to go Ms. Hahnenkamp’s class—YOU ROCK!

The weekly panther paw winners from PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Naphtali Allsop, Annabell Moore, Parker Durham, Jackson Bennett, Bently Pruett, Kendall Cothorn, Devin Dilley, Emma Deck, Kezdyn Russell, Eydan McDowell, Evan Ohl, Jaiden Durbin, Taytum Sloan, Haylee Carrell, Gemma Armstrong, Lilli Frost, Austin Pease, Kendra Steed, Jeffery Scoles, Jacob Pickler, Gwen Schmitz, Olivia Strohl, Parker Richards, McKylee Rhoades, Shelby Brown, Mason Sewell, Haylee Carrell, Aubrey Strohl, Zander Hawker, Cody Heinrich, Jadyne Kiser, Evan Carnahan, Ben Beyers, and Cooper Fleet. Each of these students was awarded a book for being great examples of being respectful, safe, and ready to learn. They will also have the privilege of being “VIP” front row guests to our November character education assembly.

On October 25th we held an assembly to congratulate the Kindness Counts winners for the month of October. Maci Morrell, Payson Ashcraft, Carisa Smith, Jeremiah Williams, Marley Jerrell, Megan Huddelson, Maddison Nihiser, Kenley Cox, Adelyn Anderson, Carly Bland, Tessa Clements, and Laycen Askins were the students awarded for showing kindness to their fellow peers and staff members! Along with the Kindness Counts winner we also awarded the October character trait winners. All month the students worked hard to demonstrate what it means to be responsible. The following students were awarded for being having that trait: Jeffery Scoles, Leigha Rogers, Axle Ginger, Madison Heintz, Claire Heldebrandt, Benjamin Lash, Kinsley Seaton, Kezdyn Russell, Ethan Jostes, Cayden Durbin, Lilly Jostes, Ryan Foster, and Bella Bennett. After the assembly all eligible students were treated to a game of Fall Bingo to reward everyone’s good behavior all month long. Mrs. Wysong was the announcer over the intercom and bingo winners were able to go to the office for a small prize.

In November the students will be learning how to show respect. Being respectful means treating people like you would want to be treated. Thinking and acting in a positive way about yourself and others. Showing respect means you value other people’s opinions and accept people like they are, even when they are different than you. All month we will be on the look-out for students who are demonstrating how to be respectful citizens and we will celebrate them at the end of the month.

The Kindergarten students got into the Fall Spirit in October with a good ol’ fashion PUMPKIN HUNT and good behavior PUMPKIN DRAWING!! Mrs. Schafer (Delores) and her husband Bob grew pumpkins and gourds on their farm over the summer to make this happen for our kids. Kindergarten students were able to culminate their study of the life cycle of the pumpkin unit with a pumpkin hunt (they were unable to attend a pumpkin patch this year as they have in the past). Grade 1 and Grade 2 student names were drawn randomly

during the lunch hours to receive a “little piece of fall”. Winners of that drawing were: Aleksandra Harlan, Lucas Walter, Chloe Miller, Aaden Scheibly-Miller, Landon Fallacaro, Nyna Fleharty, Kegan England, Mykol Roach, Cameron King, Jondell Williams, Jaylynn Ponzel, Giselle Randall, Avery Cushing, Hope Haines, Evan Carnahan, and Kyle Whennen. HUGE thanks go out to Bob and Delores Schafer for their hard work and their generosity with the harvest!

In the morning of October 31st, all First Grade classes visited the Unit Office as well as Prairie Rose, Heritage Manor and Hickory Estates. The children and teachers were dressed in their Halloween costumes and paraded through the buildings to entertain the residents. Each place provided the children with a small candy treat. It was a beautiful day for a parade

Parents were again invited to Washington Elementary on Halloween just before the Parade for an informal visit with the Title One teachers, where they received a file folder filled with educational games, flash cards, and activities to help their K-1-2 students with reading and math skills. In addition, there were several parent handouts recommending educational apps for your tablet or smart phone and also some websites. Immediately following this event, Washington School hosted their annual Halloween parade led by our very own Dentist, A.K.A. Mrs. Wysong. We had a lot of parents attend this event. The weather was beautiful for the parade and we were able to make several laps around the sidewalk outside so parents could get plenty of pictures of their little darlings!! We had a lot of super heroes, princesses, witches, some really scary ones, goblins, and even a few butterflies. Classrooms held their Halloween parties in the afternoon prior to the parade. Fun times at Washington School!!

Washington School celebrated Veterans Day on Monday, November 14th around the flagpole. Boy Scouts Dylan Moon, Michael Hrabak, Mick Decker and Sam Nollman explained the colors of the flag, properly folded it and finished by raising the flag. The kids sang patriotic songs, starting with The Star Spangled Banner as the flag was raised and ending with a school favorite, We Are Thankful For the U.S.A.

Washington School celebrated American Education Week by focusing on different groups each day. We kicked it off by honoring Veterans and our entire school. On Tuesday, we thanked Dr. Lett and School Board members. Wednesday focused on Mrs. Wysong, Teachers and Support Staff. On Thursday, we thank bus drivers and janitors and students are celebrated on Friday.

Staff continues their professional development each Wednesday as they continue to write grade level Common Formative Assessments (CFA) which are aligned to the Common Core Standards, and work on their Student Learning objectives (SLO). The data they get provides additional insight into student performance, is used to determine interventions and guide classroom instruction. We truly appreciate the teaming time we have each Wednesday afternoon.

Reminders:

1. Soda tabs, box tops and clean and dry plastic lids continue to be recycled for worthy causes. Please send your donations with a student or drop them off at Washington School during school hours.
2. Thanksgiving Break will be November 26-29. Be thankful, make time and take the time to spend with those you love and cherish.
3. The K-4 Christmas Art and Music Concert will be on December 5th at the PHS gym.
4. 6 weeks until Christmas!!!

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